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COD SCARCE AND BRING \$7

STEAM TRAWLER SWELL AND
THREE BOATS ONLY ONES
AT T WHARF.

Three shore boats and one off shore craft constitute the arrivals at T wharf this morning, aggregating less than 60,000 pounds in all.

The steam trawler Swell is at the dock from her second trip and has 44,000 pounds of haddock and 500 pounds of cod.

Prices on haddock ranged from \$3.50 to \$4.50 a hundred weight. Cod was scarce and sold for \$7 right through, while pollock brought from \$4 to \$4.75 and hake, \$4 to \$6.25.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are: Sch. Elizabeth W.: Nunan, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 5000 cusk.

Steamer Swell, 44,000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Elva L. Spurling, 12,000 haddock, 400 cod.

Sch. Maxwell, 2600 cod.

Haddock, \$3.50 to \$4.50 per cwt.; cod, \$7; pollock, \$4 to \$4.75; hake, \$4 to \$6.25.

LOBSTERS ARE SCARCE.

Very Few Are Being Caught Now on the Maine Coast.

Few lobsters are being caught in Maine. There are few being caught on the Nova Scotia coast, and it is this latter fact that is causing the joy among the Maine men. During the recent heavy blows, the west coast of Nova Scotia has been strewn with the wrecks of lobster pots. Just how many traps have been smashed by the wind and wave, nobody seems to know, but there were enough to cover the whole shore with debris. With the traps gone and the gales continuing, the number of lobsters shipped to the United States will be lessened and the local crustaceans will get a chance to have a look-in.

This is where the Maine dealers figure that the clouds and the wind have helped them out. There will be a big demand for the Maine variety and the big stock in the pounds will be placed on the market. The Maine lobstermen themselves, are catching few of the shellfish and they will not get any until the bad weather is over. Whether or not there has been any damage to the pots along the Maine coast remains to be seen, for the lobster catchers have not had a chance to visit their traps and see what has happened. In the meanwhile, the price of lobsters is getting a bit firmer and dealers and lobstermen are happy.

Not Always a Luxury.

Lobsters have been a favorite luxury of the Atlantic Coast since the days of the Pilgrims, who caught them weighing 25 pounds apiece, a giant one weighing 34 pounds. In 1740 large lobsters sold for "three halfpence" each, but the price is now 25 cents a pound, that price being paid for one weighing 3 pounds 9 1-4 ounces, which is equivalent to 90 cents a pound for the clear meat.

Lobster Famine Is Feared.

Not for many months have lobsters been as scarce as at the present time. According to captains of lobster smacks coming into Portland, lobster fishermen have become discouraged and have given up the work for the present. The weather of the past six weeks has raised havoc with lobster traps, boats have been smashed and the fishermen have endured all sorts of hard experiences while pulling their traps.

Wants Congressman to Help.

George W. Field, game commissioner of Massachusetts has written to the Bay State members of the House asking their co-operation in obtaining an appropriation of \$7000 toward an international fisheries conference which it is proposed to hold. The purpose is to discuss the supply of fish, as some of the food species seem to be threatened with extermination.

Was Out a Long Time.

Completing one of the longest Pacific halibut fishing trips on record, the fishing steamship New England arrived at Vancouver on December 18th after an absence of 28 days. Bad weather forced the New England to seek shelter for 15 days of the time she was absent from port.

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VERY DULL MUSIC AT THE WHARVES

NO OFF SHORE IN SOME OF
THE GILL NETTERS DID
WELL YESTERDAY.

Not an arrival from off shore since yesterday has been reported, matters being generally quiet along the water front this morning.

The fleet of gill netters struck some good fishing yesterday, although the Rough Rider and Eagle were unable to pick up their nets. The crafts brought in about 35,000 pounds among them.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Str. Nomad, gill netting, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. F. S. Willard, gill netting, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Bethulla, gill netting 6000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Ibsen, gill netting, 600 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Prince Olaf, gill netting, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Alice, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Mindera, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Naomi Bruce, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Margaret D., gill netting, 4500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Venture, gill netting.

Str. Rough Rider, gill netting.

Str. Eagle, gill netting.

Sch. Galatea, shore.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, shore.

Sch. Maud F. Silva, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Rebecca, haddocking.

Sch. Annie Perry, haddocking.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Salt trawl bank codfish, \$4.75 per cwt. for large, \$4.25 for medium and \$3 for snappers.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5.75, medium \$5, snappers \$3.

Salt "drift" codfish, large \$5.25, medium \$4.75.

Salt bank dory handline cod, \$5.25 per cwt. for large and \$4.75 for mediums.

Eastern halibut, codfish, large, \$5.50, medium, \$4.75.

Haddock, \$1.75.

Pollock, \$1.75.

Cusk, large, \$2.50, medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.87 1-2.

Eastern shack cod, \$4.75 for large and \$4.25 for mediums.

All codfish with napes picked bring 25c over the above price.

Fresh Fish.

Haddock, \$1.15 per cwt.

Large cod, \$2.60 per cwt., medium, \$2.10 per cwt.

Cusk, large, \$1.80, medium, \$1.20.

Snapper cusk, 60c.

Hake, \$1.45.

Dressed pollock, 90c; round 80c.

Bank halibut, 19 1-2c per lb., for white and 13c for gray.

Bait Prices.

Frozen bluebacks, \$2.50 per cwt.

Frozen herring, \$2.50 per cwt.

Fresh herring, \$2.50 per bbl.

Frozen squid, \$2.50 per bbl.

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THE PEARLS MOVE.

No Matter How Placed They Align
Themselves.

Councilman Harry A. Archibald of New Rochelle, N. Y., who found four large pearls in some oysters thinks he has discovered unusual qualities in them. He says he left the pearls on a table and an hour later found they had arranged themselves in a straight line which ran north and south. He changed the direction of the line from east to west, and after a few minutes the pearls slowly resumed the north and south alignment on the glass top of the table. Placed in the form of a square they again rolled into a straight line, north and south.

Fine Haddock Stocks.

Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, Capt. Joshua W. Stanley, stocked \$2450 as the result of her recent haddock trip, the crew sharing \$56 clear.

Sch. Conqueror, Capt. Roberston Giffin, stocked \$2264 on her recent haddock trip the crew sharing \$52 clear.

And Still They Keep Adding.

Smith & Rhuland of Lunenburg, N. S., successfully launched another fine vessel from their yard. She will be known as the Marion Adams, and will be in charge of Capt. John Knickle and is a particularly good looking craft. She will belong to the Adams & Knickle fleet.

Had Monster Haddock.

Sch. Elva L. Spurling, one of the shore market fleet brought in a haddock to T wharf this morning weighing 22 pounds. She had 12,000 pounds of haddock, and the fish ran large right through.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Paragon and Georgia arrived at Halifax, N. S., Sunday last and cleared for the fishing grounds.

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ARE FROZEN IN AT PLYMOUTH.

Six of the local cod netting fleet have been caught in the ice at Plymouth since the recent cold snap and are frozen up fast at the wharf at that port.

They are the steamer Quartette, schs. Marguerite, Nautilus, Mabel Leavitt, Nettie and sloop Lillian. Some of the skippers were here yesterday looking for a craft to haul the nets which have been left outside.

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TO PROTECT FISHERIES.

Representative Says State Police Boat
Lexington Does Good Work.

A special hearing on the appropriation for the maintenance of the State steamer Lexington will be given by the House Ways and Means committee Wednesday of next week at 10.30. It will be a lively one.

When the committee was considering the appropriation of \$9000 for the maintenance of the police boat Representative Crocker of Boston questioned Chief Whitney whether or not the porgy steamers now enter Buzzards Bay to violate the law. Capt. Whitney said that to his knowledge they did not.

Representative Pope of Leominster pointed out that the reason the steamers do not break the law is the same which would prevent a burglar from entering a house guarded by a policeman; they realize that the Lexington is on the job and that it would not be safe to break the law. Without the presence of the Lexington, they would not hesitate to take fish in Buzzards Bay.

Mr. Crocker questioned the value of the fish, which are protected and Mr. Pope pointed out that the chief value of the Commonwealth is in the protection of the fishing, which means a tremendous summer visitor business to the state. He also stated that some 15 porgy steamers were put in commission last summer, together with a floating porgy factory for trying out the fish, and that the immense number of boats now engaged in porgy fishing would make short work of the fish in Buzzard's Bay if they are not protected.

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Ice on Cape Breton Coast.

Though it has been said there would probably be a large amount of coal brought to Portland from Louisbourg, C. B., this winter it looks extremely doubtful now if any would come for a number of weeks. According to Capt. John Young of the steamer Mstarte, the whole of the Cape Breton coast is so encased in ice that it is impossible to enter and leave Louisbourg at present.

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LIGHT SUPPLY FOR DEALERS.

T WHARF RECEIPTS TODAY AG-
GREGATE ONLY ABOUT 85,-
000 POUNDS.

Receipts of fresh fish at Boston this morning consist of one off shore and seven shore crafts, aggregating about 85,000 pounds in all.

Trade was reported good, there being a demand for all kinds of fish. Sch. Buema brought in 52,000 pounds, having the largest haul while the shore crafts had fares from 4000 pounds up to 9000 pounds each.

Haddock sold from \$3.25 to \$4.50 a hundred, large cod, \$6 to \$6.50, markets, \$3.50 to \$6, pollock, \$3.50 to \$4, hake, \$4.50 to \$6.50 and cusk, \$3.50.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are: Sch. Rebecca, 4000 haddock, 200 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. Manhasset, 2500 haddock, 1800 cod.

Sch. James and Esther, 2500 haddock, 700 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2500 hake.

Sch. Valentinna, 3400 cod.

Sch. Mary Emerson, 1400 cod.

Sch. Olive F. Hutchings, 4000 haddock, 800 cod, 500 hake.

Sch. Buema, 40,000 haddock, 12,000 cod.

Haddock, \$3.25 to \$4.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$6 to \$6.50; market cod, \$3.50 to \$6; pollock, \$3.50 to \$4; hake, \$4.50 to \$6.50; cusk, \$3.50.

CAUGHT BY DEVIL FISH.

Tentacles Had to Be Cut Away One
By One to Rescue Diver.

While Japanese Abalone divers were at work near Monterey, Cal., a giant octopus caught T. Yamaguchi in its tentacles and nearly squeezed his life out. The diver struggled with the devil fish, which held him so tight he could not be hauled up into the boat. His diving suit was the only thing that saved him.

After an hour and a half Yamaguchi was brought to the surface. The devil fish had wringed its tentacles about him, and one by one they had to be cut away.

The octopus weighed 275 pounds and is the largest one ever caught on that coast.

HYPNOTIZING LOBSTERS.

Curious Subject Is Subject of Special
Investigation in England.

The hypnotizing of lobsters and other crustaceans has been the curious subject of a special investigation in England by the Northumberland sea fisheries committee. It has been known that lobsters could be put to sleep for a variable time by holding the head down and rapidly stroking the carapace, and one point to be determined was whether sending the blood to the head by the reversed position was essential. The horizontal position or lying on the back give the same results. A native lobster remained motionless three hours and one from Norway 55 minutes. Crabs became comatose in both the natural position, and lying on the back.

STEAM TRAWLERS FOR HALIBUT

Will Be Tried by Canadian Fish Com-
pany on Pacific Grounds.

Grier H. Starratt, superintendent of the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Company, has gone to New York en route for England, where he will place orders for a number of steam trawlers to be utilized next spring in Hecate Straits and other northern territorial waters. Mr. Starratt is one of the pioneers of the halibut fishing industry, having been general manager of the Vancouver branch of the New England Fish Company for many years. He will be accompanied to Europe by George H. Collins, general manager of the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Company, who is now in New York awaiting his arrival.

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SALEM WOULD BAR BEAM TRAWLING. BLESSINGS ON STEAMER PORTIA!

Bill to Prohibit It in the Harbor Has Been Drawn Up.

Fishing in the waters of Salem harbor was discussed before the committee of fish and game Wednesday, with the result that something is likely to be done to keep some sorts of fishermen out of the harbor, as they have been kept out of the harbors of Lynn and Boston.

Representative James D. Burns had a bill, as did also City Solicitor William W. Coolidge of Salem. Both bills seek to prohibit the taking of fish by any other means than by hook and line.

Mr. Burns told the committee about the boats coming in from Boston with their beam trawls and cleaning up all the fish so that none of the Salem people could get any. Acting in their behalf, Mr. Burns said he came to the fish and game commission last summer regarding the matter, but was told that nothing could be done without a special act of the legislature. In consequence he had filed his petition and bill.

Mr. Coolidge said he was personally interested and enjoyed the fishing in the harbor. When the fish ran good, he said, it would seem as if every other person in the city went fishing. There are some who make a business of fishing for the market, and some who fish for food for their own families. There are a material number who make fishing a business. These people from away are practically scooping out the harbor with their beam trawls and seines.

Representative Smith of Provincetown, a member of the committee, asked if herring and menhaden came into the harbor. The only way to catch these is by use of seine. He advised the Salem people not to close the harbor entirely to outsiders. The above named fish travel up and down

the coast; are here today and there tomorrow. They can not be caught by hook and line, but are caught in large numbers by seine. The money derived from these catches is not only of use to the fishermen, but to the state as a whole. Mr. Coolidge suggested changes in Mr. Burns' bill, and the committee decided still further changes. Originally the bill specified ground fish and it was deemed advisable to apply it to all fish. There was nothing said about seines, and this was written in. There was nothing provided what it should take effect. This omission was adjusted by adding a new section to the bill.

The committee later, in executive session, decided to hold the matter until a similar measure from the island of Martha's Vineyard is given a hearing. The bill was finally fixed up by Messrs. Burns and Coolidge and the committee and reads as follows: Section 1.—It shall be unlawful to take fish in Salem harbor by beam trawl or otter trawl or seine or by any apparatus other than a hook and line or an ordinary line trawl.

Section 2.—Whoever violates the provisions of this act shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$200 or by imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 3.—This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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STILL ATTACKING THE CLAM FLATS

Bill to Allow Private Parties Securing Them Filed in Legislature.

Will Run Gauntlet of Committee of Which Schofield is Member.

In addition to any recommendation that the fish and game commission may make relative to the leasing of clam flats, a bill with this end in view is already before the legislature. This bill is based on the petition of Representative Alfred Tewksbury and has been referred to the committee on fisheries and game of which Senator Schofield of Ipswich and Representative Norwood of Hamilton are members.

This bill reads as follows:

The mayor and aldermen of a city or the selectmen of a town may, by a writing under their hands, grant a license for such a term of years, not exceeding five, as they, in their discretion, may deem for the public good, to any citizen, to plant, cultivate and dig clams, quahaugs, and other food and bait mollusks upon and in any tidal flats and creeks below high water mark in the city or town; not, however, impairing private rights of any person. The license may be assigned by the licensee to any person

but only with the written consent of the mayor and aldermen or the selectmen.

The licenses herein provided for shall not be granted if their exercise would materially obstruct navigable waters. No license shall be granted under this act until after a public hearing, notice of which has been given in a newspaper published in said city or town at least 10 days before the hearing. Such notice shall state the date of the hearing, the name and residence of the applicant, the date of the filing of the application, and the location, area and description of the grounds applied for.

The licensee shall describe by metes and bounds the flats and creeks so appropriated, and shall be recorded by the city or town clerk before it shall have any force, and the licensee shall pay to the mayor and aldermen or the selectmen for their use \$2 and to the city or town clerk 50 cents.

The licensee and his heirs and assigns, shall, for the purposes aforesaid, have the exclusive use of the tidal flats and creeks described in the license. During the time specified therein, and may in an action of tort recover treble damages of any person

Newfoundland Mail Boat

Rescues the Fleet at

Bonne Bay.

Androscoggin Meets the

Sch. Constellation

Coming Down the Gulf.

Good news was received here late yesterday afternoon to the effect that a steamer had arrived at Bonne Bay, N. F., and was assisting in freeing the ice-bound fleet there. This was confirmed fully this morning by despatches from A. B. Alexander and Capt. Dominick Arsenault that the crafts had been taken out of the ice by the mail steamer Portia and were proceeding homeward.

The first advices from the Bay of Islands fleet since their dash for clear water last Wednesday noon was received by Collector William H. Jordan in a wireless despatch from the Androscoggin. The message which was picked up off Flint Island, C. F., and sent by a relayed wireless, stated that the Androscoggin was proceeding with all possible speed and was well up the Gulf.

The despatch stated that the Androscoggin was proceeding across the gulf toward the Bay of Islands and Bonne Bay in open water. She also reported speaking the auxiliary sch. Constellation, Capt. Jerry E. Cook of this port, which was one of the vessels detained at the Bay of Islands and had left that port Wednesday morning.

The Constellation was bowling along toward Gloucester. When hailed by the cutter her captain said that one of the crew, Allan McDonald, was washed overboard during a heavy gale, Wednesday, off Port au Port, about 60 miles from Bay of Islands.

Others of the fleet which have been reported as slipping out of the ice fields were not sighted by the Androscoggin at the time she sent the dispatch.

A cable from Newfoundland received here last evening reported that the sch. Miranda, from the Bay of Islands,

which had made a successful dash through the broken ice floes, was forced to put into Port au Basque yesterday because of the loss of her main sail in Wednesday's blow.

While those crafts that were imprisoned at Bay of Islands are now believed to be well on their way home, the news received last evening from Bonne Bay that assistance had arrived there could scarcely be credited. The first important information was received by Capt. Thomas H. Nicholson of Bucksport, owner of the sch. T. M. Nicholson, one of the imprisoned crafts in a message from Capt. Lester Gillie to the effect that a steamer had arrived, and was breaking through the ice.

Last evening A. B. Alexander, who is at Bay of Islands, in the interest of the state department looking after the American herring fishing interests, sent a message to the board of trade, which was received this morning, stating that a despatch had been received there from Capt. Dominick Arsenault informing him that the Bonne Bay fleet had been taken out of the ice by the Portia. The ice was five miles off shore, and he was trying to reach the Androscoggin off Cape Ray. A telegram to Benjamin A. Smith, vessel manager of the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company received this morning from

Capt. Arsenault himself further confirms the report of the vessels sailing.

Vessel owners are jubilant this morning and it is figured out that the crafts ought to have a clear passage, since the Bay of Islands fleet have passed out, for Bonne Bay is only 35 miles north on the coast of the Bay of Islands.

The Portia is one of the Newfoundland mail steamers and is equipped by wireless. Just how she happened to be in that vicinity at this time of the year is not known, unless she was ordered there from Port aux Basques, or some other port along the coast. The Portia is fully equipped for ice breaking. Everyone is thankful for her timely arrival, although the cutters have not reached the scene, but are due today.

The Androscoggin and Gresham, as soon as they hear that the fleet has been freed, will probably follow down the gulf to render aid to the escaped vessels in case of emergency. The ice is five miles off shore, however, and it is figured out that once they get clear of Cape St. George they will be all right.

The wind was reported east yesterday and blowing the ice further off shore.

The Bonne Bay fleet relieved by the Portia, are schs. Smuggler, Bohemia, Sylvania, T. M. Nicholson, Oriole, Gossip and the British sch. Strathcona.

Allan McDonald, the unfortunate member of the crew of the Constellation, who was lost overboard from his craft, was about 45 years old, a native of Hawkesbury, Cape Breton, and married. He leaves a widow and two sons who reside in Brockton, and a sister, Mrs. Augusta McEachern of Lynn. He was a well known fisherman of this port and boarded with Joseph Southerland, 58 Duncan street.

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MAY SHORTLY BE ABANDONED

FULTON RETAIL FISH MARKET HAS LONG AND INTERESTING HISTORY.

Fulton Retail Market, for almost a century the fishermen's mart and a New York landmark, is to be abandoned says the Fishing Gazette. The board of health has declared it unsanitary, the Controller calls it a financial burden of \$2,000 a year to the city, and the Borough President, an institution that has outlived its usefulness. The two officials named have recommended to the board of aldermen its discontinuance as a fish market.

It was in 1817 that the market was established by the city for the express purpose of supplying "the common people with the necessities of life at reasonable prices." Originally it was further down old South street, nearer Maiden Lane, but was moved to its present site opposite Fulton Slip shortly after the establishment of the Fulton ferry in 1821, that it might be easier of access to the Long Island farmers, and \$200,000 was paid for the site and structure.

Few spots on Manhattan Island have been more widely talked about, and the name Fulton Market has become a standard term in the fish trade. The market itself supplied fish to practically all the inland cities east of the Mississippi. The quaint little trading place, occupying the square block bounded by Fulton, South, Beekman and front streets, drew its supplies from the salt waters of the Atlantic all the way from the St. Lawrence River to the western shores of Florida.

For many years Fulton Market has been depreciating steadily both in patronage and physical conditions. The old timbers have almost rotted away, and its old retail patronage has entirely gone. No longer does the New York housewife go to the yellow building filling the entire block for her fish and meats and vegetables. She has moved uptown, and long ago ceased to go shopping for things for the table.

Not in years has anything but fish and oysters been sold over the counters of Fulton Market, and in late years it has been little more than a show-room and storage house for the wholesale fishmongers, who supply steamship companies, hotels, restaurants and retail dealers. Its 245 stands are now held by 45 standholders, who use some of the space for offices, while the site alone has an assessed valuation of \$450,000.

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GETTING SORT OF CHRONIC.

ANOTHER DAY AND NO OFF SHORE ARRIVALS AT THIS PORT.

Another day and not an arrival from off shore is the record at this port up to noon today.

The fleet of gill netters did very well yesterday and brought in 25,000 pounds among them, and the fish were shipped fresh to Boston.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

- Sch. Nomad, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Enterprise, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. F. S. Willard, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Naomi Bruce, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Ibsen, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Rough Rider, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Alice, gill netting, 600 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Prince Olaf, gill netting, 800 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Margaret D., gill netting, 3800 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Eagle, gill netting, 1200 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Bethulla, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Jennie H. Gilbert, shore.
- Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, shore.
- Sch. Hortense, shore.
- Sch. Winnifred, shore.
- Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, shore.
- Sch. Edith Silveira, shore.
- Sch. Clara G. Silva, shore.
- Sch. Little Fanny, shore.
- Sch. Mary Emerson, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

- Sch. Alice, haddock.
- Sch. Actor, haddock.
- Sch. Flavilla, haddock.
- Sch. Frances V. Sylvia, haddock.
- Sch. Mary E. Silveira, haddock.
- Sch. Rita A. Viator, haddock.
- Sch. Jeanette, haddock.
- Sch. Harriett, haddock.
- Sch. Sedie M. Nunan, Boston.

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Fresh Fish.

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- Large cod, \$2.60 per cwt., medium, \$2.10 per cwt.
- Cusk, large, \$1.80, medium, \$1.20.
- Snapper cusk, 60c.
- Hake, \$1.45.
- Dressed pollock, 90c; round 80c.
- Bank halibut, 19 1-2c per lb., for white and 13c for gray.

Bait Prices.

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- Frozen herring, \$2.50 per cwt.
- Fresh herring, \$2.50 per bbl.
- Frozen squid, \$2.50 per bbl.

Big Oyster Acreage.

More oysters are grown per acre in Rhode Island than in any other state in the country, is the assertion contained in the annual report of the Shell Fish Commission, made to the Legislature. The capital invested in the culture and production of oysters is \$1,031,738, and the value of the bivalves shipped from Rhode Island the past year was \$2,930,750. Last year the revenue derived by the state from leasing oyster beds was \$133,341.

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Coming Here With Cod.

The Sydney Record of January 16th says that as soon as the weather permits, the steamer Scotsburn, Capt. Burke, will sail for Gloucester with 200 tons of dried fish. This is part of the summer and fall catch at points in Northern Cape Breton. The cargo is for Cunningham & Thompson Company.

Provincetown Fishermen Doing Poorly

Provincetown fishermen are up against an unprofitable season just now, for there is increasing competition in the growing number of boats, bait is high and the cod and haddock are said to be scarce, and even with a good catch and high prices they barely clear running expenses.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

- Sch. John J. Fallon arrived at Liverpool, N. S., Monday last and cleared for the fishing ground.
- Sch. Gladys and Nellie also arrived there the day following.

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MAY BE SOME IN BY MONDAY.

BUT TODAY THERE ARE NO ARRIVALS WITH FISH HERE.

Not an off shore arrival has been reported in port up to noon today, since Wednesday.

Only a few of the gill netters were out yesterday, and brought in about 20,000 pounds of fresh fish.

This morning, the fleet took advantage of the pleasant weather, and most of them are out on the grounds.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

- Steamer Quoddy, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer Margaret D., gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer Rough Rider, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer Nomad, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer F. S. Willard, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer Enterprise, gill netting, 4500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Mary Edith, shore.
- Sch. Jeanette, shore.
- Sch. Mary E. Silveira, shore.
- Sch. Harriett, shore.
- Sch. Manomet, shore.
- Sch. Rose Standish, shore.
- Sch. Stranger, shore.
- Sch. Little Fannie, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

- Sch. Winnifred, haddock.
- Sch. Flavilla, haddock.
- Sch. Yankee, haddock.
- Sch. Annie and Jennie, haddock.
- Sch. Genesta, haddock.
- Pilot boat Alabama, Mobile.
- Sch. Rex, haddock.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

- Salt trawl bank codfish, \$4.75 per cwt. for large, \$4.25 for medium and \$3 for snappers.
- Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5.75, medium \$5, snappers \$3.
- Salt "drift" codfish, large \$5.25, medium \$4.75.
- Salt bank dory handline cod, \$5.25 per cwt. for large and \$4.75 for mediums.
- Eastern halibut, codfish, large, \$5.50, medium, \$4.75.
- Haddock, \$1.75.
- Pollock, \$1.75.
- Cusk, large, \$2.50, medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.
- Hake, \$1.87 1-2.
- Eastern shack cod, \$4.75 for large and \$4.25 for mediums.
- All codfish with napes picked bring 25c over the above price.

Fresh Fish.

- Haddock, \$1.15 per cwt.
- Large cod, \$2.60 per cwt., medium, \$2.10 per cwt.
- Cusk, large, \$1.80, medium, \$1.20.
- Snapper cusk, 60c.
- Hake, \$1.45.
- Dressed pollock, 90c; round 80c.
- Bank halibut, 19 1-2c per lb., for white and 13c for gray.

Bait Prices.

- Frozen bluebacks, \$2.50 per cwt.
- Frozen herring, \$2.50 per cwt.
- Fresh herring, \$2.50 per bbl.
- Frozen squid, \$2.50 per bbl.

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CUTTERS STANDING BY THE FLEET

Expected That Vessels Will Be Clear of the Ice by Tonight.

Sch. Bohemia Got Out of Ice, Put Back to Bonne Bay.

Caught in the heavy ice drift, five miles off shore, six of the seven herring crafts that were liberated from Bonne Bay, Thursday and started for home, are in a most serious predicament. The sch. Bohemia, according to despatches received, managed to force her way back to Bonne Bay and anchored inside.

While everyone was hopeful yesterday that the crafts would be able to escape the treacherous floes, those familiar with the Newfoundland coast and conditions there, had well founded fears of the dangers even after getting outside, for as one well known skipper put it, "we will all feel better after we know they have got down to Port aux Basques."

In a telegram from Capt. Percy Firth of sch. Bohemia, to Sylvanus Smith & Company, owners of the craft, last evening, the first news of the plight of the crafts was learned. Capt. Firth evidently succeeded in getting back to Bonne Bay, but the others were less fortunate.

As soon as the information became known, Collector William H. Jordan, who has been keeping in touch with the vessel owners and situation, immediately sent a wireless to Cape Ray in hopes that it would be picked up by the cutters, and one also to A. B. Alexander at the Bay of Islands, notifying them of the serious predicament of the ice bound crafts, so as to rush assistance there. An easterly was blowing, accompanied by a heavy snow. The chief danger which the local owners had last evening was that the wind might shift and drive the heavy ice pack and crafts upon the shore.

Nothing has been heard from the Androscoggin or Gresham, on their way to the relief of the imprisoned crafts, since Thursday. With the fine progress that the Androscoggin has made, it is figured that both should have been pretty near the scene last evening. The vessels are caught five miles off Bonne Bay Light, despatches state, and it is believed that the cutters will be able to reach them all right. The crafts which have been caught are schs. Oriole, Gossip, Sylvia, T. M. Nicholson, Smuggler and the British sch. Strathcona.

The Newfoundland mail steamer Portia after releasing the vessels from the ice in Bonne Bay started down the coast.

Schs. Aloha and Athlete, two of the

fleet that escaped from the Bay of Islands, arrived at Louisburg, N. S., yesterday with full cargoes of herring. Capt. Shea of the Athlete reports that all of the 18 crafts which had been held prisoners in Bay of Islands, escaped all right.

New hope was brought this forenoon in a message from Capt. Daniels of the Androscoggin to Collector William H. Jordan of this port. The Androscoggin and Gresham have both arrived off Bonne Bay and are standing by to render aid.

The message, sent by relay wireless, states that the fleet worked to the southward last evening in clear water, and Capt. Daniel hoped they would be entirely free today.

The message received is as follows: William H. Jordan, Collector of Customs, Gloucester, Mass.:

From United State revenue cutter Androscoggin, via revenue cutter Gresham and Cape Ray, N. F.—January 19.—All Bonne Bay fleet worked to southward tonight. We are standing by. A strong south wind which now gradually hauling, has made clear water under land and I hope they will be entirely free tomorrow. Daniels.

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Will Take Bodies Home.

Capt. Kearling of the three-masted sch. John Harvey, which was wrecked a week ago at Gabarus, and his two sons, Manuel and William Kearling and Henry Carter, a member of the crew, arrived at Glace Bay, Wednesday from Louisburg on their way to their homes at Belloram, N. F. They brought with them the bodies of John Foote and Henry Keeping, the two men who perished on the beach at Gabarus after the vessel stranded.

No Winter Cod Fishery.

Owing to severe weather on the South Coast of Newfoundland, it has been impossible for the cod catchers to carry on the winter codfishery to anything like the extent they did last year, and it is said that the total take the past fortnight does not exceed 20 qtls. against some 2000 for the same period last year.

Wrecked Crew Bound Home.

The crew of the wrecked sch. Helen G. Wells arrived by the steamer Glencoe at North Sydney, C. B., yesterday and will proceed homeward. The Glencoe spoke the Gresham on her way to the relief of the ice-bound crafts off Bonne Bay.

To Fish from Here.

Fishing steamer Alice arrived at Portland from Boothbay Thursday and after taking on supplies at Long wharf, will leave for this port, where she will engage in winter fishing.

T Wharf Weekly Landings.

There were just 47 arrivals at T wharf, Boston, for the week ending January 19, aggregating 1,353,300 pounds, against 89 arrivals, or 1,611,600 pounds for the same period of 1911.

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Will Have Auxiliary Power.

The vessel now being built at East Jordan, N. S., for Leander McKenzie & Son will be of the most modern type for the off-shore fishing business. She measures 33 tons register and will be fitted with all the latest appliances. An order has been placed for a 24 horsepower gasoline engine, which with the usual sail power, will make the new vessel one of the best in the province for the register. The off-shore fishing business is becoming very profitable, and the expectation is that in a few years it will draw a large number of our men from the long and hazardous Gloucester trips.—Coast Guard.

Fear a Small Catch.

A Newfoundland exchange says: "At Bay of Islands last week herring fetched \$2 per barrel from nets. Owing to the severe weather latterly the arms are frozen solid the fishing has been abandoned largely and the total catch will it is feared, be much below last season."